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Applicant : Satoshi YONEYA et al.

Application Serial No. : 09/499,563

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Title of Invention : **DATA STORING APPARATUS, METHOD  
THEREOF, DATA DELIVERING APPARATUS,  
AND METHOD THEREOF**

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RESPONSE

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified application on September 30, 2003, wherein restriction was required among the claims as follows:

Group I: Claims 13-28, drawn to a data recording and reproducing apparatus,  
classified in class 386, subclass 98;

Group II: Claims 29-36, drawn to a data recording and reproducing  
apparatus/method, classified in class 386, subclass 116;

Group III: Claims 37-44, drawn to a data recording and reproducing  
apparatus/method, classified in class 386, subclass 99; and

Group IV: Claims 45-56, drawn to a data recording and reproducing  
apparatus/method, classified in class 386, subclass 125.

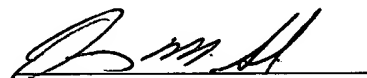
Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 13-28 for further  
prosecution in this application and reserve the right to file a divisional application or  
applications to continue the prosecution of those claims that are not elected herein.

The Examiner stated that claims 1-12 link inventions I to IV.

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